

ESF Coordinator

Stillwater County Road & Bridge
(SCRB)

Primary Agencies

City of Columbus Public Works

Support Agencies

City of Columbus Police Department
Stillwater County GIS Program
Stillwater County Sheriff's Office
Stillwater County DES

Introduction

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #1 – Transportation provides support in the management of local government transportation systems (roads, bridges and infrastructure) during an actual or anticipated natural/manmade disaster or emergency.

ESF #1 does not provide for mass evacuation, the movement of goods, equipment, animals, people or other resources.

Scope

ESF #1— Transportation is activated during actual or anticipated natural/manmade disaster or emergency that impacts local government managed transportation systems. The ESF #1 Coordinator is Stillwater County Road & Bridge Department.

ESF #1 is intended to sustain open transportation services managed by local (city and county) governments. These transportation services are necessary to mitigate adverse economic impacts, meet societal needs and move emergency relief personnel and commodities throughout the jurisdiction.

To completely address all of these needs the ESF Coordinator and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager will need to coordinate with state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over transportation decisions and operations. Unnecessary reductions or restrictions to transportation will directly impact the effectiveness of all prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

ESF #1 organizations possess considerable experience in intermodal transportation and have important relationships with public and private sector transportation stakeholders. Primary ESF Functions include:

1. **Monitor and Report:** Monitor and report that status of and damage to the transportation system and infrastructure as a result of the incident
2. **Identify Alternatives:** Identify temporary alternative transportation solutions that can be implemented when systems or infrastructure are damaged, unavailable or overwhelmed as a result of the incident.

3. **Coordinate and Support:** Coordinate and support prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities among transportation stakeholders within the authorities and operational limitations of the agencies involved.

If the emergency is contained completely within the City of Columbus without impacts to county or state managed transportation system(s), the respective city Public Works Department may, at the discretion of the city Director of Public Works and if agreed to by Stillwater County Superintendent of Road & Bridge, substitute in as the ESF Coordinator following the policies, actions and responsibilities in this plan.

Policies

Table 1-1. Policies

General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF #1 is activated by Stillwater County Road & Bridge or by SC DES upon notification of an actual or anticipated natural/manmade disaster or emergency that will impact local government transportation systems (roads, bridges and infrastructure). ICS and NIMS principles shall be followed for all emergencies or disasters. Actions initiated under ESF #1 are coordinated and conducted cooperatively with federal and state agencies and incident management officials and with private entities as required. Priority is given to actions that may reduce threats to life safety, followed by impacts critical infrastructure/property and then impacts to economic and societal needs. Additional resources should first be secured through mutual aid and assistance agreements, then to the State of Montana SECC (Coordinated through the City/County EOC) who can access private and state resources and resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).
Monitor and Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions will focus on the status of and damage to the transportation system and infrastructure managed and maintained by the city/county governments. Impacts discovered to state or federal transportation systems will be documented and communicated to the City/County EOC who will communicate impacts and information to the appropriate government agency.
Identify Alternatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and communicate temporary alternative transportation solutions (alternative routes) that can be implemented when systems or infrastructure are damaged, unavailable or overwhelmed as a result of the incident. Coordinate development of alternatives with the Stillwater County Sheriff's Office or Columbus Police Department. Coordinate development of alternate routes with the City/County EOC and assist with the development of press and information releases to communicate alternate routes and travel restrictions to the public.

Coordinate and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with appropriate state and federal agencies with impacts to their transportation system or who are affected by impacts to city/county transportation systems • Provide personnel or a contact for the City/County EOC to work with regarding coordination of resources, impacts and alternatives.
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Concept of Operations

General

Stillwater County Road & Bridge organizes the ESF staff and support agencies based upon the core functional areas described in preceding paragraphs. ESF #1 organizes and coordinates the capabilities and resources of the local government to ensure the mitigation or minimization of impacts to local government managed transportation systems. The ESF #1 Coordinator is Stillwater County Road & Bridge during an actual or anticipated natural/manmade disaster or emergency.

ESF #1 is scalable to meet the specific needs of each incident, based upon the nature and magnitude of the event, the suddenness of onset, and the availability of local resources.

Support agencies will provide assistance under the Incident Command System in place to the ESF Coordinator and Primary Agencies in line with their agency mission and functions.

Table 1-2. Functional Categories, Actions and Responsibilities

	ESF Primary Agency	ESF Responsibilities
General	SC Road & Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCRB, as the ESF #1 Coordinator provides information to the EOC through the chain of command for the duration of the incident. • Coordinates primary and support agencies for planning and operational needs. • Manages and coordinates ESF #1 resources coming in from outside agencies. • Coordinates resolution of conflicting operational demands for resources. • Coordinates logistical support for ESF #1 resources to maintain operational readiness. • Communicates with Primary and Support Agencies to ensure knowledge and needs of Transportation Operations during the planning cycle and operational periods. • Provides incident and situational reports and assessments as required.
Monitor and Report	SC Road & Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct field assessments at key transportation locations and across city/county managed transportation resources (roads, bridges etc).

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports conditions, impacts and needs back to the ESF Coordinator and the City/County EOC. • Establish information sharing with federal, state and local government agencies and impacted NGOs regarding impacts to transportation systems.
Identify Alternatives	SC Road & Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning to ensure communication of impacts to transportation systems and how they impact other ESFs in their support functions. • In cooperation with state and federal agencies who manage transportation systems in Stillwater County, Stillwater County Sheriff's Office and Columbus Police Departments, identify alternatives for travel to impacted systems and communicate alternatives to the City/County EOC.
Coordinate and Support	SC Road & Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the logistics staff in ESF #1 to communicate viable transportation routes for resources and personnel from camp/staging to field sites • Support emergency response agencies (Police, Fire, EMS etc) in their ability to respond to emergency calls in areas with low accessibility including locating routes, plowing roads (snow) or providing other support. • Coordinate with the appropriate GIS Program to record information about impacts to transportation systems and develop visual displays of the information for various uses including interagency cooperation and public dissemination. • Assist ESF #15-Public Affairs staff with the development of press and information releases to communicate alternate routes and travel restrictions to the public.

Organization—Response Structure

ESF #1 operates under direction of Stillwater County Road & Bridge. Stillwater County Road & Bridge will identify and provide a coordinator based on the assistance needed for an ESF #1 incident. Stillwater County Road & Bridge provides the point of contact and represents ESF #1 in its dealings with any work at the Emergency Operations Center or Unified Coordination Group.

When ESF #1 assistance involves only one jurisdiction (City/ County) the agency with jurisdiction in that area may provide an individual to fill the ESF coordinator function as the point of contact to represent ESF #1 in its dealings with the Emergency Operations Center or Unified Coordination Group. This requires agreement between the affected City Department of Public Works and Stillwater County Road & Bridge as described in this ESF under "Scope".

ESF #1 will have staff on duty at the Joint Field Office (JFO) as needed, for the duration of the emergency response period.

Signatures

We, the undersigned, understand our roles and responsibilities as outline in ESF #1.

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